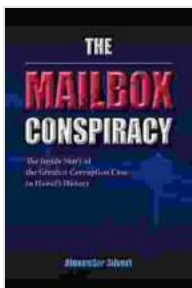


# Unveiling the Greatest Corruption Scandal in Hawai'i History: An Intriguing Exploration

## A Journey into the Heart of Corruption

In the annals of Hawai'i's history, few events have cast a darker shadow than the corruption scandal that engulfed the islands in the early 21st century. The Inside Story of the Greatest Corruption Case in Hawai'i History takes you on a gripping journey into the heart of this extraordinary affair, revealing the shocking depth of betrayal and greed that unfolded.



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Authored by award-winning journalist and former Hawaii News Now reporter Ian Lind, this captivating book is the culmination of years of meticulous research and exclusive interviews. Lind provides an insider's perspective, weaving together a narrative that is both enlightening and deeply unsettling.

## **The Key Players and Their Motives**

At the center of the scandal lay a cast of characters whose greed and ambition would have far-reaching consequences. Lind paints vivid portraits of the key players involved, from corrupt politicians and businessmen to shady lobbyists and government officials.

### **The Politicians**

\* Duke Aiwahi: The former Honolulu City Council chairman who orchestrated a massive land-use bribery scheme. \* Caldwell Carvalho: The former Honolulu mayor who was implicated in the scandal but ultimately acquitted of all charges. \* Michael Kahaialii: A former state senator who accepted bribes in exchange for his vote on key legislation.

### **The Businessmen**

\* Jeremy Harris: A crooked real estate developer who bribed politicians to secure favorable zoning decisions. \* Micah Kane: A former lobbyist who played a central role in the corruption ring. \* Peter Martin: A businessman who provided illegal campaign contributions to Aiwahi.

### **The Bribes and Extortions**

As Lind delves deeper into the case, he uncovers a web of bribes, kickbacks, and extortion that infiltrated the highest echelons of government. Aiwahi accepted millions of dollars in exchange for zoning changes that would benefit Harris's real estate developments. Carvalho and Kahaialii traded their votes for campaign contributions and other favors.

### **The FBI Investigation and Arrests**

The corruption scandal did not go unnoticed for long. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) launched an extensive investigation, codenamed Operation Ali'i, which led to the arrests of Aiwohi and his co-conspirators. Lind provides an insider's account of the investigation, revealing the meticulous work and evidence-gathering that ultimately brought the corrupt politicians and businessmen to justice.

## **The Aftermath and Legacy**

The arrests and convictions in the corruption case sent shockwaves through Hawai'i and beyond. The scandal led to reforms in campaign finance laws and ethics regulations, but its impact on the trust between the public and their elected officials was profound.

Lind explores the long-term consequences of the scandal, including the erosion of public confidence in government and the lasting damage to Hawai'i's reputation. He also examines the lessons learned from the case and the ongoing efforts to prevent corruption from taking root again.

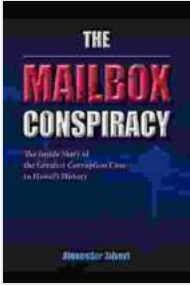
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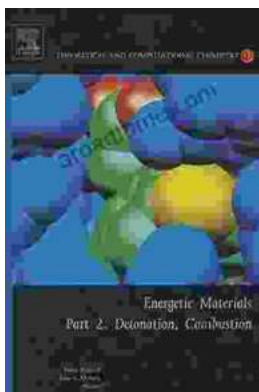


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